



**Town of Camden  
Select Board Meeting  
May 6, 2014 – 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Don White, and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

**B. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Board Comments:**

Don White reminded citizens to use caution due to the fact that children are out on the streets with the warmer weather. He also suggested picking up trash and when walking dogs, to pick up after them.

Leonard Lookner commended the high school baseball team on their season so far and encouraged people to go watch the games at CHRHS.

**C. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions**

**1) Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Project Update**

Landon Fake, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Board on progress with the Redevelopment as well as status of work at the Town's parks. There was discussion on the new lights that were being considered for the Snow Bowl. Fake said he would be bringing a lighting plan to the Planning Board for their review and consideration.

Don White asked if the redevelopment was on schedule, and Fake answered that it is close to the anticipated schedule.

Fake said that the Maine Conservation Corps had done work recently on the Riverwalk and that a viewing platform with a railing and two benches had been completed.

**2) Forest Stewardship Program**

The Parks and Recreation Director described the purpose of working with the Forest Stewardship Council. He said there was no cost to participate in this program.

*James Heard made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Forest Stewardship Council. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### **D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated April 29, 2014**

*Donald White made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 15, 2014. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### **E. Select Board Member Reports**

Don White said that the Planning Board had discussed the Windward House's request for zoning changes and added that a public hearing would be held May 15.

Leonard Lookner spoke about a meeting that had been held regarding management of the Town's endowment funds.

#### **F. Town Manager Report**

Finnigan said that the tax due date had passed and that the Town is in good financial shape. She reminded the group that there would be a community meeting coming up to discuss the Camden Rockport Middle School building project.

Lastly, Finnigan reported on the Police Department's initiatives to inform downtown merchants and residents about the availability of all-day parking at the Knox Mill. Lookner asked about costs to enforce parking. There was discussion on alternatives to the two-hour parking policy. Finnigan said that this topic would be on the agenda for the Downtown Network Board at its next meeting.

#### **G. New Business**

##### **1) Resolution Regarding Ice Storms Being Eligible for Emergency Management Assistance**

Pat Finnigan explained that communities around Maine are supporting a resolution to update a policy that would allow Maine to qualify for FEMA funds in the case of an ice storm disaster. She said that recently when the Governor had declared an emergency in Maine due to a severe winter storm, Maine had been unable to receive Federal funds.

*Don White made a motion that the Camden Select Board express its support for the Maine Emergency Management Agency's advocacy for an amendment to the FEMA storm policy to recognize severe ice storms as qualifying events that are eligible for disaster assistance. James Heard seconded the motion.*

John French explained he was not in favor of asking for federal money for this purpose.

*The motion passed by a vote of 3-2-0, (French and Lookner opposed).*

#### **H. Select Board Closing Comments**

There were no closing comments.

#### **Adjourn**

*Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the Board adjourned at 7:20pm.*